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To the Editor of the N. Y. Sun

city, whose name is withheld for the present, is said to be on the point of pub-lishing a series of important discoveries, and exhibiting an instrument invented by him, by means of which objects or persons standing or moving in any part of the world may be instantaneously seen anywhere and by anybody. The utility of the electroscope is undeniable, and if the invention proves successful, it will supercede in a very short time the ordinary methods. nary methods of telegraphic and telephonic communication. By means of the electroscope merchants will be able to exhibit their goods, or samples of them, to any customer supplied with the same instrument, with the same instrument, whether in Liverpool, Lordon, Paris, Berlin, Calcotta, Pekin, San Francisco, or New Orleans. Fugitive criminals placed in the electroscope can be instantly identified by the police authorities in any part of the globe. Mothers, husbands, and lovers will be enabled to glance at any time at the very persons of their absent children, wives. persons of their absent children, wives, or beloved ones. Painters may retain their paintings in their studio, and yet exhibit them simultaneously in all the galleries of Europe and America provided with the invention. Scholars are thus enabled to consult in their own rooms

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